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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Blue Lakes Visitor Management Plan. I am happy USFS Ouray District has developed a comprehensive plan for the Blue Lakes region because I have noticed the degradation of the environment over the last decade.

General Comments:

1. Prioritize ecosystem integrity and resiliency over and above human demands and needs such as recreation, infrastructure and economic benefits. The Blue Lakes area are worthy of the protection of designated Wilderness.
2. Primitive, rough, 4wd roads should not be improved.
3. Dogs should be kept on leashes.
4. Permanent fire restrictions should be implemented. Fires should always be restricted to designate camp sites and manufactured fire containers.

Blue Lakes:

1. Manage access and lower Blue Lake as semi-primitive recreation.
2. Manage the upper Blue Lakes and the alpine regions above the lower Blue Lake as primitive recreation.
3. Install and maintain appropriate toilets for the remote and semi-primitive recreation of the lower Blue Lake.
4. Designate and manage campsites at lower Blue Lake.

Lower East Dallas Zone:

1. Pit toilets should be built and maintained.
2. Parking should be designated and limited by self service permitting.
3. Campsites should be designated and limited by self service permitting.

Blaine Basin Zone

1. Manage access to Blaine Basin as semi-primitive recreation.
2. Manage the basin itself and the alpine regions above and within the basin as primitive recreation.

YANKEE BOY ZONE

1. Designate and limit parking with a self service permitting system.
2. Designate individual camping sites with self service permitting system.